WOMEN IN MEMPHIS

She's Successful Druggist

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Just because a woman's a woman is no reason her brain is not as receptive as a man's—no reason why marriage should be her only goal or the end of her career any more than it is a man's, according to Mrs. Frances Freedman, whose success in the business world is a striking example of what she says.

Mrs. Freedman, pharmacist, is the sole owner of the Dixie Drug Co., 1084 Thomas-st. She keeps house, does her own cooking and sewing and runs her drug store, too. She fills all her prescriptions, designs and trims her own windows, and finds plenty of time to do her bit of womanly gossip.

"Women are just afraid to venture out into the world of affairs," she said Monday, "just because they are women. Persistence will win out every time. I am extremely proud of my accomplishments for the sake of my sex. I hope they'll realize they can do the same thing.

Friends Mean Business

"Women have it on the men in lots of ways. They have a keen sense of intuition and more human understanding, which gives them more of a chance in the business world to make friends—and friends mean business," she said.

"I think I started my career when I played with dolls, wrapping mother's face powder in bits of paper—fever powder for my dolls.

"It was the big thrill of my career when I gained the distinction of being the first and only woman in New York to hold the position of pharmacist in the Bellevue and Allied hospital. I graduated with highest honors in Brooklyn College of Pharmacy out of a class of 200 men and 10 girls.

"I married while there, and of

course that was quite an event in my life, as it is in every woman's life, but I never had any intention of giving up my career just because I was beginning another.

"It seems to me when women do that it is just admitting the only reason they pursued a business career was to marry a man of the busines world. You know, they have better opportunities of meeting worth-while ones there.

Mrs. Freedman has a daughter four and a half years old.

During the three years she has had charge of her drug store she has made enough to buy the lot directly across from her business, on which she will build a two-story building—the future home of the Dixie Drug store.